

- 4 • searching in storage means (7) for at least one subject for which a symmetric
- 5 key must be created;
- 6 • creating at least one individual request for creating a symmetric key for said
- 7 subject;
- 8 • transmitting a key generating request corresponding to said individual creation
- 9 request to a key generating center (8), and
- 10 • issuing by said key generating center a symmetric key in accordance with said
- 11 transmitted key generating request.

1 52. A computer system (1) for creating symmetrical cryptographic keys,
 2 for managing subjects by said system, characterized in that it comprises a key
 3 generating center (8) for creating at least one pair of keys at the request of the local
 4 registration authority (5) with which the key generating center communicates; at least
 5 one certification authority (12) to which the system has access for creating a
 6 certificate at the request of the local registration authority (5) and means for
 7 automating the creation of at least one key for each subject managed by the system
 8 (1).--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract at page 27 as follows:

Line 8, delete the paragraph return so that "The present invention..." follows
 after "...pair of keys".

Line 11, delete "Figure for the abstract: Fig. 1."